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AVERY INTRODUCES BILL REQUIRING VOTER-VERIFIED PAPER TRAIL

INDIANAPOLIS—State Representative Dennis Avery (D-Evansville) today introduced House Bill 1144, a measure that would require electronic voting systems to produce a paper receipt of individual votes cast.

Voters would verify their ballot by checking the paper receipt and depositing it at the polling place. In the event of a recount, the paper receipt becomes the official record of votes cast.

"Our current direct-recording electronic systems, such as the one in use in Vanderburgh County, cannot produce a record of votes cast that accounts for voter intent," said Avery.

"Few of us would consider making a bank deposit at an ATM without a printed receipt," he added.

"Countless Americans have fought to protect our right to vote and over a million have died for it. This paper record of our votes is a tangible means of safeguarding that sacred right."